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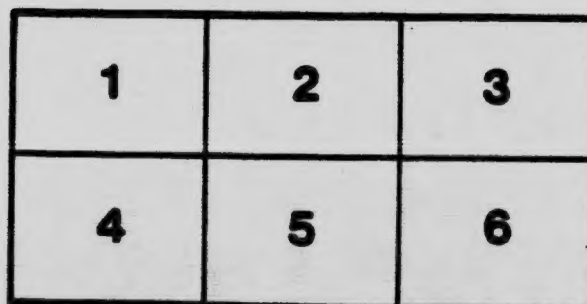
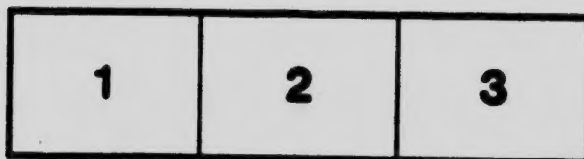
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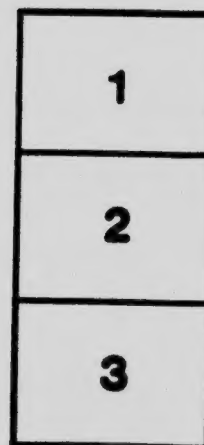
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**VICTORIA** BRITISH COLUMBIA  
CANADA



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## Victoria, B. C.

### The Tourist and Commercial City of the Canadian Far West

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"The most beautiful place we have seen in our journey around the world."

T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales.

"I never saw anything anywhere to equal the view of the approach to Victoria harbour on the evening of one of the most perfect days in my memory."

Member of British Editors' Delegation. Interview Winnipeg Free Press.

"The British Columbians have rich mines, vast forests, and extensive fisheries, as well as their farming and fruit growing. Besides which their Maritime trade is sure to become an increasing source of wealth."

Another member of the same party in the same newspaper.

"In Victoria is reached the real outlet to the Orient."

Frank Leigh in Montreal Herald.

"One would fain have stayed longer, for of all the cities that have been visited in the course of this long Royal progress the fair capital of British Columbia seems to me the one which the Englishman would most gladly make his home. \* \* \* It is this combination of rich wild country and old-fashioned English homes that makes the surroundings of Victoria so wholly delightful. \* \* \* Never in the environs of any other city have I seen such a glory of flowers as surrounded each of these lovely homes."

E. F. Knight, Correspondent London Morning Post.

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Compiled for the Tourist Association, by Herbert Cuthbert, Secretary,  
1905.



# PICTURESQUE VICTORIA

S. S. "Beaver,"  
First steamer on Pacific 1835.



## THE MOST INTERESTING CITY ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

THE beautiful city of Victoria, the most western city on the continent of America, the Pacific gateway to the Great Dominion of Canada, and the Capital of British Columbia, is acknowledged to be the leading Tourist and health resort of the Pacific North West. Situated 6,000 miles away from the Old Land, whence many of the leading citizens first came, "an out-post of Empire" standing sentinel over this great Dominion of ours, and guarding the threshold of the Empire itself, it is the one city that becomes pre-eminently interesting to all tourists who visit the Pacific Coast.

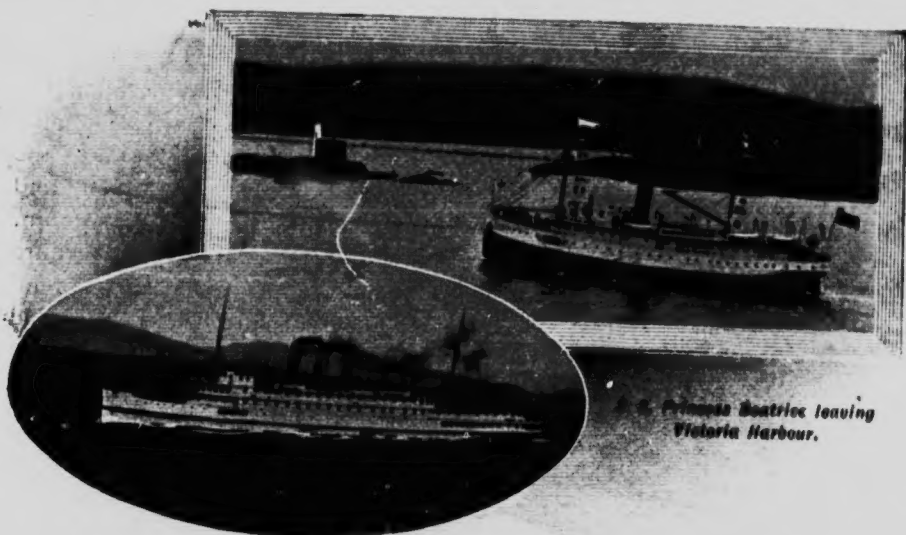
## CHARMINGLY SITUATED.

Important as Victoria is to the Empire, and to Canada, because of its naval and military strength, its position as the first port entered by all steamships from Australia, China, and the Orient, its large and varied commercial and industrial enterprises, and as Capital of the largest and richest of the Canadian Provinces, it is of more than ordinary interest to strangers and, is none the less so, most charmingly



S. S. "Empress of Japan" arriving in Victoria Harbour from China.

situated cities in the world. Victoria, the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific system in Canada, has a population of nearly 30,000 and occupies an ideal situation at the extreme southern end of Vancouver Island, within a few hours sail of the Mainland of British Columbia and the United States. On the south and west are the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Ocean, and on the east lies that magnificent inland sea, the Gulf of Georgia, which, with its wealth of picturesque islands, out-rivals the more widely known Thousand Isles.



*S.S. Princess Beatrice leaving Victoria Harbour.*

*S.S. Princess Victoria on her way to Victoria.*

### HOW TO REACH VICTORIA.

The Canadian Pacific Railway's new steamer Princess Victoria, the fastest steamer on the Pacific Ocean, and most palatial craft in the coasting business in the world, connects with the Company's Atlantic Express every day and with the "Imperial Limited," at Vancouver, and after a glorious sail of four hours across the Gulf of Georgia and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, lands the tourist in Victoria in time for dinner.

This Company also operates the new steamer Princess Beatrice, one of the staunchest and best equipped steamers on the coast, built last year in Victoria at a cost of \$200,000, between Victoria and Seattle, connecting daily with the Transcontinental Express Trains of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways, and a delightful trip is enjoyed along the waters of Puget Sound and the Straits, very similar to the sail from Vancouver to Victoria. In summer there is a double daily service with Seattle, the Alaska S. S. Co. also operating a line of steamers between Victoria and Sound cities.

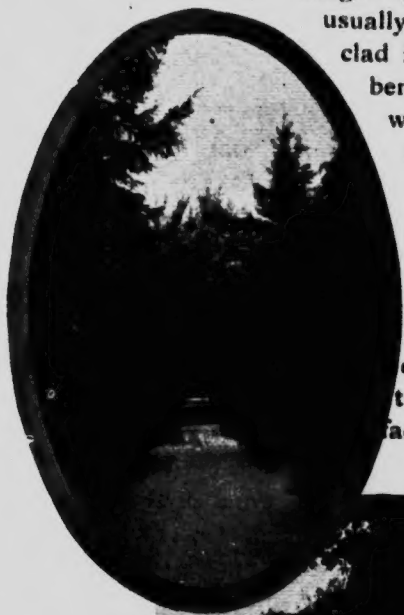


*Entrance Victoria Harbour.*

The scenic panorama as you approach this queen of summer resorts is one never to be forgotten. The eye of the Tourist, enchanted, as he may be, with the marvelous scenery throughout which he passes along the lines of railway leading to Victoria, always rests with wonder and delight upon this panorama of emerald-like ocean, usually as smooth as polished glass, verdure clad isles and snow-capped mountains, spread beneath a canopy of azure blue sky, fringed with fleecy clouds, as the steamer glides noiselessly towards this city of the golden West.

#### **A CITY OF HOMES.**

The combination of bold and picturesque country with old-fashioned English homes, their beautiful gardens and air of comfort and contentment, makes Victoria a delightful residential city. The fact that the Lieutenant-Governor of the



*Gentlemen's Private Gardens, Victoria*

Province, the Admiral of the Fleet, the Military Commander of the Garrison, and many retired naval and military officers are residents of the city, insures a number of very pleasing society functions. Stately mansions and handsome villas are dotted all over the city in situations, surrounded of floral beauty that is the admiration of all visitors.

Those engaged in the Yukon and in the

villas are picturesque with a wealth the admiration

business in North, or who are themselves compelled to spend much of their time away from home, especially in

hot or cold regions, find Victoria an excellent city in which to leave their families. There is an admirable free school system, and the cost of living is lower than in any other city on the coast.

### A CLIMATE VOID OF EXTREMES.

Victoria has a climate devoid of extremes of heat or cold, and much similar to that of the south of England. There are practically but two seasons, spring and fall; zero weather, sunstrokes and prostrations from the heat are afflictions only known to Victorians through newspaper reports from other parts of the world.

*The moderate temperature of the summer season makes Victoria the ideal place for holiday seekers. Her*

Scenes in the Park and some Victoria homes.

proximity to the Pacific Ocean and the Japan current flowing past her







*View from Mouth of Victoria Harbour.*

shores, keep the temperature of the winter above freezing. During the summer months the prevailing winds are from the southwest, which, passing over the snow-capped Olympic Mountains and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, are comfortably tempered before reaching the City of Victoria.

Victoria has the least rainfall and the most sunshine of any city on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco. The rainfall in summer is particularly light as shown by the following table supplied by the Dominion Government Meteorological Office :

#### **MEMORANDA OF RAINFALL**

(In inches) for Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle and Tacoma during May, June, July, August and September, for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902, in each year :

Victoria, - - -	4.3	inches	_____
Vancouver, - -	14.8	"	_____
New Westminster,	14.6	"	_____
Seattle, Wash., -	7.65	"	_____
Tacoma, " -	8.59	"	_____

No day is so hot as to be uncomfortable, and no night so warm as to warrant discarding the blanket. The thermometer rarely registers, even on the hottest days in summer, over 80°. To those who desire to escape



*Mount Baker from Oak Bay.*

from the enervating heat of the middle and eastern States, Victoria's pleasant summer days, soft sunshine, and bracing breezes offer health to the body and repose to the mind.

The winter climate is the most moderate in Canada, the average lowest temperature for the last three years being 40°.



### SCENIC ATTRACTIONS.

The Prince and Princess of Wales said of Victoria in 1901: "It is the most beautiful city we have seen in our trip around the world." The thousands of visitors, who



pass through the city annually, bear out this testimony. They all agree that Victoria's scenic attractions are unexcelled anywhere, and cannot be equalled in the west. Her situation is an ideal one, presenting an enchanting panorama of changing beauty, rocky shore line and sandy bay, snow-covered mountain heights and undulating plains, peaceful lakes and lagoons and rushing rivers. From Beacon Hill Park can be seen on one hand the rugged, snow-clad Olympians, and on the other, rising proudly away in the distance beyond the island-studded Straits of Juan de Fuca, the lordly





Mount Baker. Space will not permit an adequate description of the gorgeous sunsets, the radiance of a moonlight night on

the surrounding waters, the varied and glowing wealth of the vegetation, nor the wild beauty of the mountains as seen from Victoria. Few people on the American continent realize what magnificent scenery there is on the Pacific coast, undoubtedly the "show ground of America."

#### **A TRIP TO VICTORIA EQUALS A FOREIGN TOUR.**

Victoria has all the appearance of an English city. Its institutions, buildings, clubs, homes, manners and customs, are of English character. The city has not the hustling business methods of Chicago, nor the nerve-destroying habits of New York. Conservative business methods, health, happiness and contentment, are the features identified with Victoria. Citizens of the United States visiting Victoria, with its quaint homes



*Victoria  
Homes*





*Some Churches and Schools, Victoria, B. C.*

and streets, picturesque surroundings, and British institutions, may imagine themselves for the time being enjoying a tour in the British Isles.

**As a Health Resort** the city has earned for itself a very enviable reputation. Of course it is not one of those cities to which people are sent, suffering from every complaint known to man, but for people run down through over work, or suffering from nervous prostration on account of mental worry, or because of living in high altitudes, there is no city in which such speedy and effectual relief will be found as in Victoria.



*A Few Residences, Park Views and a Glimpse of Victoria.*

### AS A PLEASURE RESORT.

The combination of beautiful scenery, lovely situation, perfect climate, homelike residences and picturesque drives makes Victoria a perfect vacation resort, there are so many forms of recreation open to residents and visitors. Few places can boast of more advantages in this respect than the city of Victoria.



*Government Street, Looking North.*

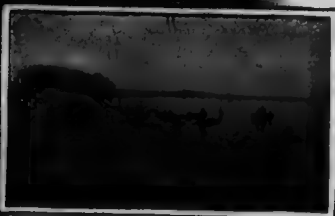
The out door life is particularly charming. From the 15th of May, almost right up to Christmas, most





*The Olympic Mountains from Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B. C.*

*The Golf Links at Oak Bay,  
Camping and Beach  
Scenes.*



of the usual summer sports may be indulged in, with full enjoyment, while the numerous sea beaches round the city affords ideal recreation grounds for young children, and in the long summer days are crowded with little people and their parents or nurses.

### **ATHLETIC AND FIELD SPORTS.**

Lacrosse, of course, is the Canadian national game and there has been, for many years, an excellent team in Victoria.

Baseball during recent years has become a great favorite with the young men of the city, and as a result we can boast of one of the best amateur teams in the West.

Lawn Tennis is played very extensively in Victoria. Most of the residences have private courts,

*Camping at Oak Bay.*



while the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club has most excellent courts, club house, etc., in the centre of the city. This club is open to visitors upon terms that are as liberal and as reasonable as could well be made with a due regard to the welfare of its members.

The Golf Links at Oak Bay are considered as fine and are as beautifully situated as any links on the continent. They are leased by the Victoria Golf Club and, like the tennis club, visitors are allowed to use them upon very liberal terms.

*Finals Tennis  
Tournament, Victoria,  
Cricket Match on  
Naval Grounds,  
Victoria.*



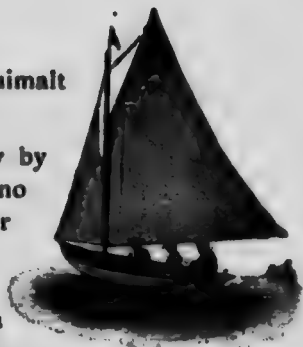
*Lacrosse Match,  
Caledonia Grounds,  
Victoria, Golf at Oak  
Bay Links, Victoria.*

links at Oak Bay are open summer and winter with the exception of the month of August.

Cricket being the national game of England, and Victoria being essentially English in its tastes and tendencies, several cricket clubs are maintained, who play in the spacious public park. The officers of the Garrison

at Work Point and the officers of the Navy at Esquimalt each keep a cricket ground in splendid condition.

**Boating and Yachting** are indulged in very freely by both residents and visitors, and it is safe to say that no where on the continent are there greater facilities for perfect enjoyment of this pastime than in and around Victoria. At the present time the senior four-oared crew of the James Bay Athletic Association of Victoria holds the championship for the Pacific Northwest. Every year on the occasion of the celebration of Victoria Day on the 24th of May, kept in honor of that great and good woman, Queen Victoria, after whom the city is named, a monster regatta is held in which the Naval and Military Forces and the citizens generally, take part. The Yacht Club also holds races at this celebration.



### **VICTORIA'S SEA BEACHES.**

With a frontage of about fifteen miles upon the waters of the Pacific it is not surprising that there should be many lovely beaches around the city. One of these is at Oak Bay, a delightful spot overlooking broad waters, sinuous straits, timbered islands and headlands. The links of the Victoria Golf Club are at Oak Bay and some fine Athletic Grounds and Bicycle Race Track. The Bay is reached easily by electric cars. Space prevents a description of Cadboro Bay and Cordova Bay (charming spots with fine sandy beaches), Gordon Head and McNeal's beaches all within easy distance of the city. Foul Bay is a most delightful resort for bathing and the Tourist Association hopes to have spacious dressing rooms provided during the season 1905, that will enable residents and visitors to thoroughly enjoy bathing on this fine sandy beach.

### **MAGNIFICENT DRIVING AND CYCLING.**

Victoria has always been famous for its beautiful suburban drives and its splendid country roads.

Writing of his impressions of Victoria, E. F.

Knight, correspondent of the London Morning Post, said of Victoria's drives:

"Some drives and walks



which I took in the neighborhood of the city during my stay gave me a full explanation of why this is a place so beloved of the British."

"The country immediately outside the town is singularly beautiful, the undulating promontory upon which the city stands being covered with woods of pine and fir and a lovely wild jungle of arbutus, roses, flowering bushes of many varieties, and English broom, which, since it was imported

here, has spread all over the more open country, so that it is ablaze with golden blossom for a great portion of the year. In the spring and summer there is an extraordinary abundance of beautiful wild flowers, and in the autumn all the vegetation is aglow with tints vivid or mellow, and amid this pleasant

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City and  
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A bit of  
Suburban  
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#### PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND VICTORIA.

The Parliament Building is acknowledged to be one of the handsomest and most imposing structures on the continent. It is one of the first sights to catch the visitor's eye as he enters the harbour of Victoria. It stands amid spacious and beautifully kept lawns, the vivid green of which testifies to the mildness of the climate.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, speaking at the Royal Academy May 11, 1902, said: "The splendid Parliament Buildings of Ottawa, and





*'The Lobby of the Legislative  
Chamber.  
The Parliament Building and  
James Bay Embankment.  
A Corner in the British Col-  
umbia Museum, Victoria.*

*N. M. War Ships at  
anchor, Esquimalt  
Harbour.*



Victoria, British Columbia, are indeed worthy examples of architectural designs."

In the Parliament Buildings there are three distinct Museums, namely, in the Agricultural Department, the Mines Department, and in a wing solely devoted to this purpose, what is known as the Provincial Museum, this latter contains a most interesting collection of British Columbia fossils, Indian curios and specimens of natural history, said by experts to be the most perfect collection of its kind in America.

### **THE EMPIRE'S NAVAL STATION AND WARSHIPS.**

The North Pacific depot of His Majesty's navy is situated within four miles of Victoria and connected by electric cars. This is Great Britain's Gibraltar of the Pacific. The harbour is, of course, a magnificent one, and the scenery around it, is exceptionally bold and interesting. There are always some of the fast cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers of Great Britain's navy in port and visitors are not only allowed on board, but are shown every civility by attendants. Visitors are always delighted with a day spent in and around this quaint and strangely beautiful naval village.

At Macaulay Point, at the entrance to Victoria harbour, is situated the strongest Fort on the Pacific. Behind these innocent-looking,



*U. S. S. "Flora" in Dry Dock.*



green covered mounds, are concealed the big disappearing guns of the fortifications, which extend over an area of many square miles and command the approach from the ocean. Near-by are the Work Point barracks, where a large and increasing force of soldiers is maintained.

#### **BEACON HILL PARK.**

This magnificent park of about 300 acres is situated on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, within a few minutes walk of the business portion of the city. It commands grand panoramic views of the snow-capped Olympics, Mount Baker,



Race Rocks Lighthouse, the San Juan Islands, Clover Point (where Captain Vancouver landed in 1792), the Sooke Mountains, etc. This park contains zoological gardens, large recreation grounds, splendid old oaks, pretty flowering shrubs, grassy stretches and meadows, shady walks and beautiful

lakes inhabited by gold fish and by stately swans and other water fowl.



### THE BEAUTIFUL GORGE.

This is a natural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes



at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in direction according to the change of the tide. The Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria harbour, leads to the Gorge. Its beautifully wooded banks and promontories dotted with charming residences form a picture of rare beauty. Boating and picnic parties enjoy them-

selves here to their heart's content. A steam launch hourly service from the city to the Gorge was inaugurated last year for the convenience of tourists. The arm extends three miles beyond the Gorge and is very beautiful.



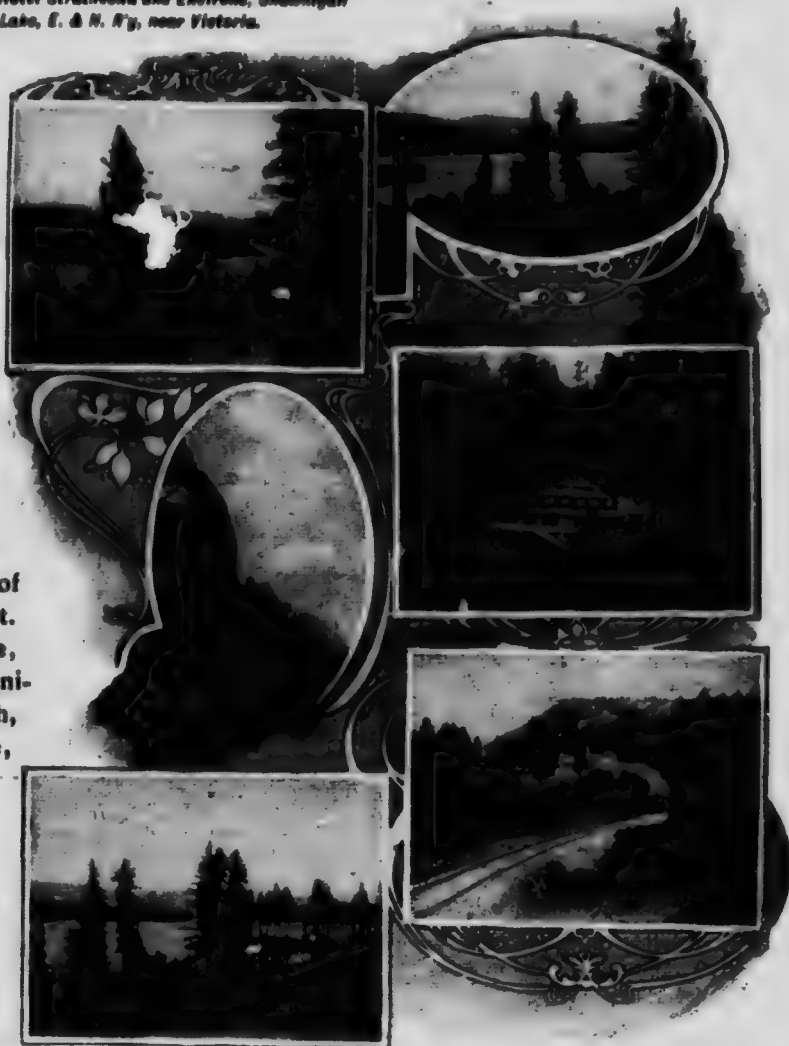


## ENJOYABLE SIDE TRIPS.

The pleasure of a vacation is very much enhanced if one is able to vary a visit to a city by short excursions into the country, and there are few places that afford better facilities for such interesting and enjoyable outings than Victoria. The country round the city is dotted with villages and hotels that remind one of "Old Eng-

land" just as much as does the city itself. Many of these are along the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, which runs north about 80 miles to Nanaimo through one of the most picturesque pieces of country in the West. Parson's Bridge, Goldstream, Shawnigan Lake, Koksilah, Cowichan Lake, Duncans, etc., are all favorite resorts where excellent hotels are found. The Strathcona Hotel at Shawnigan Lake is one of the most popular.

*Hotel Strathcona and Environs, Shawnigan Lake, E. & N. Ry., near Victoria.*



Every week-end large numbers of the residents of Victoria take a short vacation at this or some other point along the line, where excellent fishing and shooting are to be had, and where the natural beauties of the country can be quietly, but none the less thoroughly enjoyed. For the convenience and pleasure of tourists who wish to visit these charming country and lake-side resorts, the management of the railway company has inaugurated a double daily service and issued special round trip excursion tickets at greatly reduced fares.

## WITH RIFLE AND SHOTGUN.

The touring sportsman whose chief joy in life is his love for the crack of his own rifle or gun will find Victoria an ideal base of operations. Large

and small game abound within easy reach of the city. Of course it is not usual for a large black bear to walk into the streets of the city looking for trouble, yet it is only a few years ago that one of these shaggy gentlemen was bagged within the city limits and several bears have been shot on the roads leading to Sidney, Sooke and other near-by places. At the points already mentioned along the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway there is excellent small game shooting, particularly black tail deer, pheasant, grouse and quail, while duck and geese shooting both in the salt lagoons and fresh water lakes is most excellent. For big game it is

necessary to go further into the interior of the Island, but not very far, and the places are easy of access, where bear,



Hunting and  
Fishing along  
E. & N. Ry  
near  
Victoria.



panther and elk are plentiful. By a recent amendment of the Game Law exportation of trophies is permissible.

## SALMON AND TROUT FISHING.

The lover of sport is rarely disappointed with his visit to Victoria. Few places on the continent afford a chance to land a 70-pound salmon with hook and line, and Victoria is one of those few places.

The many beautiful lakes and streams referred to in this book, reached, on the wheel, or after a short but charm-



*Sport  
along  
E. & N.  
Railway  
near  
Victoria.*



*Result of  
a Few Days  
Hunting  
within  
30 miles of  
Victoria,—  
reached by  
Rail in  
one hour.*



ing drive over good roads, which adds much to the enjoyment of the outing, or by taking the morning train, afford every opportunity for the angler to indulge in this favorite sport ; and within an hour or two after

leaving the city he will be able to make his "cast" at one of the numerous resorts that readily yield 25 trout to the boat. One gentleman, who does not claim to be an expert, landed with a fly 255 pounds of trout on Cowichan

Lake in three days, while another had a catch with a spoon of 89 pounds in one day. Salmon trolling is to be had for those who

care for it. This excellent fishing for all kinds of brook and lake trout, salmon and black bass is absolutely free to all who wish to try their luck.

Information as to where the best kind of fishing is to be obtained during each month of the year, and the kind of fly to use, will be cheerfully given to visitors by the Tourist Association at their office.

A Prosperous Farming Section extends all along this Railway. At Duncans, Cowichan and other settlements are to be found some most excellent farms and ranches, in the hands of a very desirable class of English settlers.

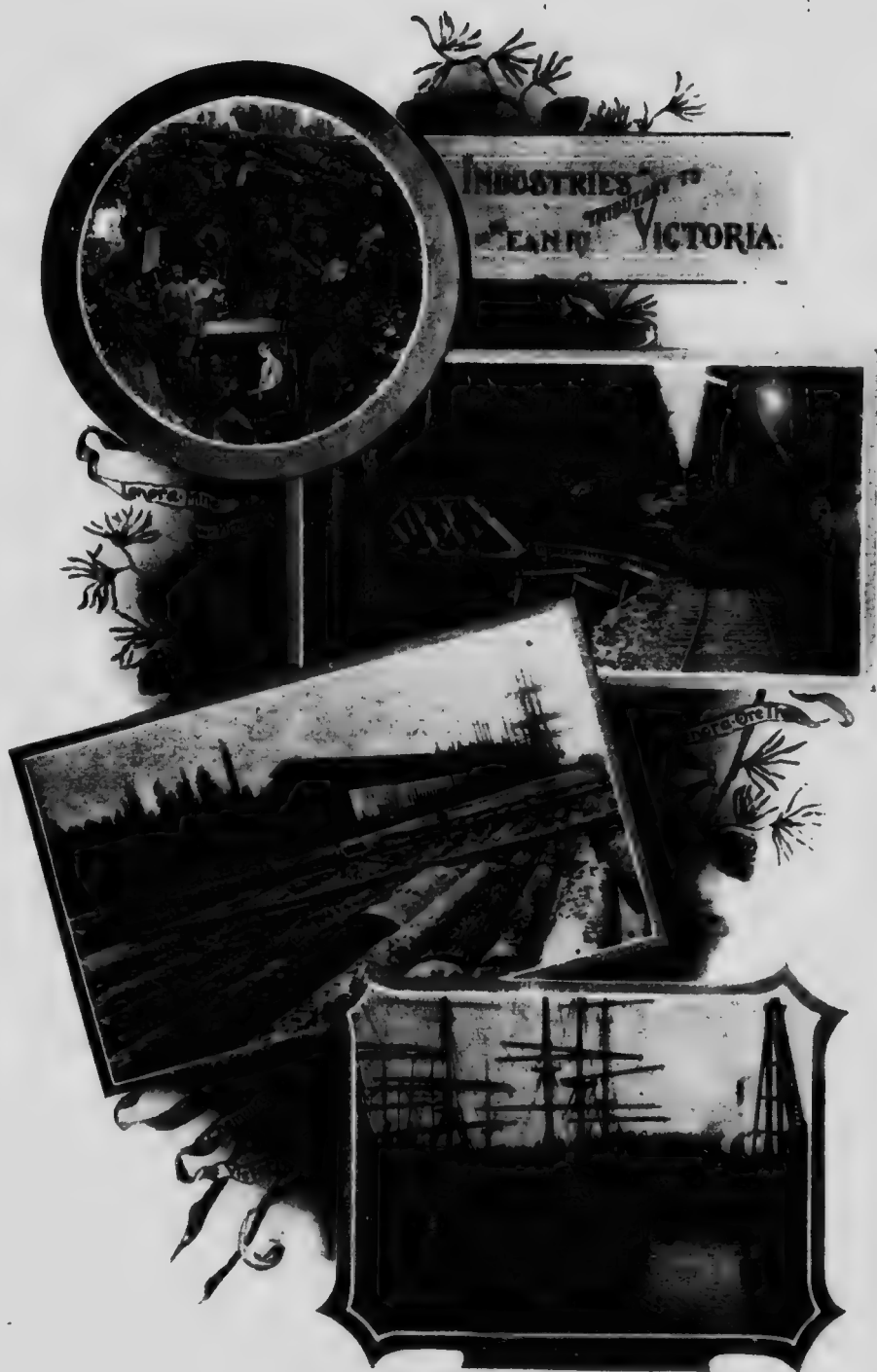
There are few places where country life is more enjoyable than in this section. The country is nicely settled, there are good schools, excellent sport of all kinds, good society and the people are prosperous. The farms that are most valuable to-day were not so very long ago purchased



*Fishing on Cowichan Lake and River, along E. & N. Railway, near Victoria.*



*The Smelter, Crofton, near Victoria, B. C.*





from the Railway Company at from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre. Farming is only one of the industries that is to be found along this line, but it is an important one, and will probably be referred to again.

**The Lumber Mills and Logging Camp at Chomainus** comprise one of the biggest plants of this kind in the world. The lumber is exported to all parts, and in many countries is the standard that must be reached by all competing mills.

**Copper and Gold Mining at Mount Sicker** has, within the past four years become of the utmost importance to this district and to Victoria. The Lenora and the Tyee mines have in this short space of time evolved from the merest prospects into valuable shipping mines, and are now turning out between them, about 600 tons of high grade copper-

gold ore per day.

This output is gradually increasing and the other prospects in the district are beginning to look exceedingly good to their owners.

Two new custom smelters have been built in the district to handle the valuable

*S. S. Strathcona of the V. T. & S. R'y among the famous islands of the Gulf of Georgia, near Victoria.*



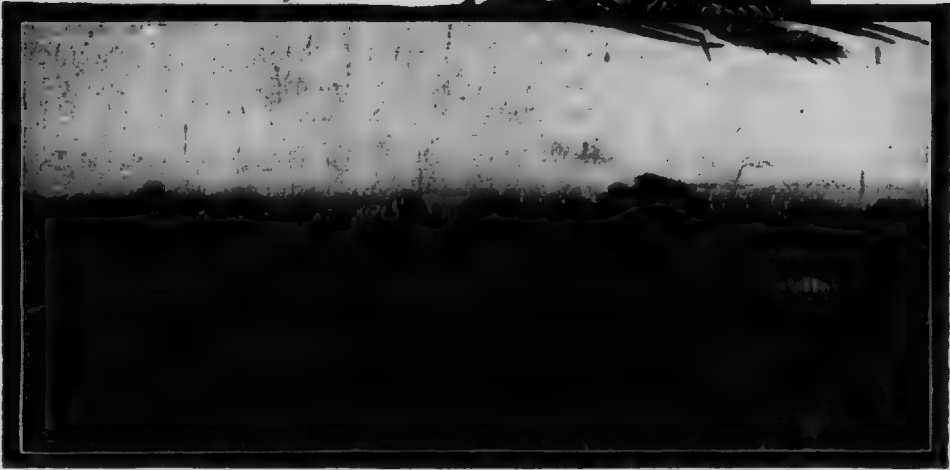
ores of these mines,

one in connection with the Tyee mine, has been built at Ladysmith, and is treating about 300 tons per day, while at Crofton a brand new town of several hundred inhabitants has sprung into being, and

a smelter capable of treating 700 tons of ore per day, is treating the ores from the Lenora mines.



*Farming Scenes near Victoria  
on the V. T. & S. Railway.*

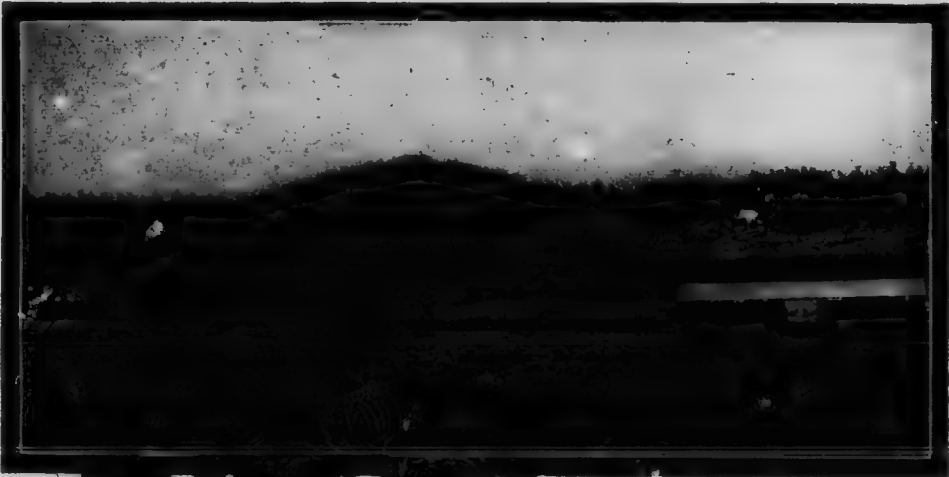


This mining industry is only in its infancy so far as Victoria district is concerned. There has been no boom nor anything in the nature of one, but the progress has been phenomenal, and in a few years it will create a world-wide interest. Its effect upon farming in the district has been immense, as it provides a ready market for all their produce at good prices.

Coal mining is also one of the most important industries along the E. & N. Railway, some of the largest mines in America being situate at Nanaimo, Extension, Wellington and Ladysmith.

#### **THE ISLANDS OF THE GULF.**

The E. & N. is not the only railway running out of Victoria. The Victoria Terminal and Sidney Railway runs through the oldest and richest and one of the most beautiful farming sections around the city, North and Soutl. Saanich, and connects with its own steamers at Sidney. The steamers give a daily service to Crofton, the new smelting centre, Salt



Spring Island, Nanaimo, and several of the famous islands of the Gulf of Georgia. To take the morning train out of Victoria, the connecting steamer at Sidney, for Crofton and the Islands, returning the same day is *one of the most beautiful excursions by rail and sea in the world*. This superb trip is said to be superior to the one among the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. Certain it is that those who take it never regret or forget it. Special excursions are often arranged in summer by the Victoria Terminal and Sidney Railway, and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, on their comfortable steamers.



*Pastoral  
Scene,  
Victoria*

*A Victoria  
Fruit  
Farm.*



### **FRUIT GROWING AROUND VICTORIA**

is going to have a considerable influence upon the population and business of the city and District. The soil and climate are particularly suitable to the culture of many of the varieties of fruit most in demand, and as there is an immense market in the North-west and also in Australia and New Zealand, this industry is likely to be very profitable to those who embark in it. That it can be carried on close to a city with such residential qualifications as Victoria is one of its most desirable advantages to those who have some means, and wish to increase them, in a pleasant and lucrative occupation. The industry has long since passed the experimental stage and is now on a firm basis. The Government of the Province, through its Horticultural Department, will assist intending settlers with practical information upon all matters pertaining to fruit culture.



*Young Fruit Trees in Blossom and in Fruit, Victoria, B. C.*

## DAIRY FARMING AND POULTRY RAISING.

There is no district in British Columbia, or on the Pacific Coast, where dairy and poultry raising can be carried on under better conditions or more profitably than in the Victoria District. There is an excellent market for all products of this nature that can be raised, at good prices.

There is no difficulty in obtaining improved farms within a few miles of the city, in exceptionally beautiful locations, at reasonable figures.

*One of the Six Shipbuilding Yards, Victoria.*



## AN IMPORTANT SEA PORT.

Victoria is not only a tourist city but one of the great ports of the Dominion of Canada. The amount of tonnage entering the harbour in 1903 was 1,557,007, making the city the third port in Canada. Naturally this has a considerable effect upon the nature of the business done in Victoria. It is the first and last port of call for the steamers for China, Japan, Australia, Honolulu, and all U. S. ports. Passengers for China should wait for their steamer at Victoria. *Shipbuilding* is one of the most important industries. There are no less than six ship yards in and around the city, in addition to some large iron works and engineering shops. Several of these are putting in *extensive bridge building plants*, one of them having just completed the construction of a handsome steel and concrete bridge at Point Ellice in the city, at a cost of \$100,000.



*Discharging Wheat at the Mills, Victoria Harbour.*

## AN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

Space will not permit of an adequate description of the industries tributary to Victoria. Copper and gold mining on Vancouver Island bring considerable business to Victoria, as it is the natural base of supplies, and most of the owners of the mines reside here. Some

of the largest firms in British Columbia handling mining supplies and farm implements have their



*The Sealing Fleet  
at anchor  
Victoria Harbour.*

headquarters in Victoria. Lumbering, farming and fruit growing all contribute to the trade

*Exporting Lumber  
from Mills,  
Victoria Harbour.*



*Ocean Docks, Victoria Harbour.*

of the city, which is also the home port of the Canadian seal hunting fleet. Many of the largest salmon canneries are operated from Victoria.

For upwards of half a century Victoria has been the leading commercial centre of the province, and her history has largely been the history of British Columbia.



## THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE CITY

were laid in the forties when the Hudson's Bay Co. established a fort first called Fort Comosum, then Fort Albert and afterwards Fort Victoria. It was at Victoria that the miners camped when bound for the Fraser river in the '50s. It was here that the terms of Confederation were approved and the great undertaking of building the C. P. R. through to the coast first mooted. It was from here that the first Canadian ships sailed for the Klondike, a few years ago, and to-day most of the trade is done from here. *The stores of Victoria* are as large as those of cities three times its size, and it is the cheapest place on the coast in which to "shop."

## CHURCHES, SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

Victoria has a church of almost every denomination, while all the Fraternal and Friendly Societies are represented. There are three or four very good social clubs, and one of the finest amateur athletic clubs in the west. The public schools are a credit to this or any other city and enjoy the confidence of the people. There are also several fine private colleges. Those desiring a high class musical training can secure it in Victoria.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Victoria has as good hotel accommodation as any other city of its size in Canada. There are also a large number of excellent private boarding houses. Hotel rates range from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per day, American plan. Boarding houses from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day. **The Canadian Pacific Railway will build immediately in the heart of the city, overlooking the picturesque harbour, one of the finest hotels on the continent, and when this is built Victoria will be the finest convention city in Canada or on the Pacific Coast.**

## VISITORS ARE WELCOMED.

By the Tourist Association at their offices and Free Bureau of Information, 34 Fort St., where mail can be addressed. Every visitor is invited to call.

This Association is a voluntary organization of business men, supported by their own subscriptions, for the purpose of making the attractions of Victoria known to those in search of health and pleasure, and also for the purpose of making all strangers feel at home in the city.

The Bureau of Information is established for the benefit of visitors and is absolutely free in every respect. Its conveniences include large reading and writing room, with all time tables, etc., ladies and men's cloakrooms.

## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT—G. H. Barnard, Mayor of the City of Victoria.

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